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Interview with Clarice Pendergrass Maddox conducted by Louise Skinner

January 31, 2020

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00:00:01	Introductions and general information
00:00:46	Born in 1921 in the Greenwood community – had a school and several churches – a Baptist Church and a Church of Christ. Very few cars – story about her first car ride – went to Josephine, TX.
00:03:08	Family house was built in Greenwood in 1920. Parents both farmed, Clarice stayed with her Grandmother
00:03:50	Went to school in Enloe, even though they lived in the Crossroads School district
00:04:25	Were poor – had an orchard with peach, plum, and apple trees. Also, two kinds of berries. Mother canned, grew their own feed for the hogs and cows
00:05:40	Graduated from high school in 1939 and married Tommie Calvin Maddox in 1940. Had a son in 1943 Tommie Glenn “Nub” Maddox and another son Gaylon Maddox in 1956.
00:06:45	She and husband farmed; she also worked in a nursing home and a hospital; last job was with Jordan Home Health.
00:07:45	Story of conversation with her oldest son about her going to Arkansas
00:08:40	Describes a good life with her sons and daughter-in-laws
00:09:20	Her parents – Marvin Felon Pendergrass and Eva M. Bush Pendergrass
00:11:01	Description of work with parents on their farm – raised cotton, corn, and maize – cotton sometimes didn’t bring enough to pay for the seed and ginning.
00:14:14	Description of “prizes” in packaged goods bought from the store
00:15:20	Description of baking in the old days – no mixer, used 2 forks to beat eggs
00:15:53	Story about 4-yr-old Clarice charging a doll at Mr. Smith’s grocery store – mother made her pick cotton to pay for it
00:18:08	Story about her first time helping the doctor deliver a baby
00:19:50	When growing up, went to Paris, TX in a wagon to shop – liked Kress’s
00:21:10	Liked President Franklin Roosevelt – his programs, like the Civilian Conservation Corps, helped improve local roads – was a CCC camp nearby – boys from the camp wanted to go out with the local girls. Story about banks failing and 2 local men killing themselves.
00:25:10	Discusses how they used war ration coupons
00:26:15	More on the work of the CCC boys
00:26:59	Memory of getting electricity to the house – about 1944 or 1945
00:29:19	Description of oil lamps used before electricity – rail lamp, Aladdin lamp
00:30:45	Role of faith in her life – as a child, went to church across the road from the house; story of father buying a Model T to go to another church – didn’t know how to drive it. Began attending Enloe Baptist Church on a regular basis when she was about 9 or 10
00:33:40	Home activity at present – still does own housework – memory of washing in the old days – drawing water from the well, using washboards. First washing machine.
00:35:33	Childhood friends – memory of activities with friends – walking, dancing to records
00:38:39	No clear memory of the 1954 tornado or the fire at Pollard’s Grocery in Cooper
00:39:50	In WWII – lost 2 boys from Enloe and 2 from Cooper; her husband was deferred
00:41:35	Advice to people in Delta County – live by the Golden Rule